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KEY MEN TO FIGHT TO A FINISH WITH TELEGRAPH CO.

Adopt Resolution Asking Order of Railway Telegraphers to Amalgamate With Them—Elect Officers and Adjourn Sine Die

FUTURE OF UNION AT STAKE

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 26.—The telegraphers' convention adopted a resolution last night asking the Order of Railway Telegraphers to call a special meeting to vote on amalgamation with the Commercial Telegraphers' International union. This throws the matter into the hands of the railroad operators for approval.

The convention discussed for several hours today how to finance the strike and the policy to be pursued in carrying it on. The consensus of opinion was that the money should be raised as quickly as possible and that under no circumstances should the strike be called off until some sort of a settlement is made with the strike-bound companies.

The future of the organization was said to depend upon the stand taken on the proposition. To end the strike without an agreement with the companies would mean, it was said, that the organization would go to pieces. Only the broker and the leased wire operators, in that event, could be expected to remain loyal.

The proposition to amalgamate with the Order of Railway Telegraphers was fought by many delegates. The Chicago and New York delegates are urging this issue, but a number of those present from other cities are opposing it. The opposition scored a point in the morning session by temporarily sidetracking the amalgamation plan.

This was carried by one vote and was said to forecast a defeat for the amalgamation plan.

Officers Elected.

Milwaukee, Oct. 26.—The convention of Commercial Telegraphers union adjourned sine die after the election of W. W. Beattie, of Washington, D. C., as president; H. J. Horn, Cincinnati, first vice-president; and A. S. Ewing, St. Louis, Mo., third vice-president. Orville A. Glen retains his office as fourth vice-president. Frank T. Likes, of Chicago, and C. L. P. Smith, of Salt Lake City, were added to the executive board.

The first official action of President Beattie was to appoint two committees of three each to go to New York to endeavor to meet with the officials of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies with a view to bringing about a settlement of the strike. Another committee consisting of five members was appointed to go to St. Louis to meet officials of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers relative to the proposition for amalgamation with that organization.

DIXIE MILLS SALE

At a meeting of the creditors of the Dixie Knitting Mills company held in Judge E. W. Bagby's office this afternoon, Attorney Cecil Reed was elected trustee of the estate and the bond he presented was accepted. The trustee will at once file a petition, asking that he be permitted to offer at public auction the personal property of the concern.

NO REVISION OF TARIFF

Will Be Attempted at Next Session of Congress.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26.—The attitude of house leaders with reference to tariff revision was disclosed by Congressman Warson, whip of the house, in an interview. The program, he said, will be "to pass the necessary appropriation bills and let it go at that."

Judge Breathitt at Glasgow.

Glasgow, Ky., Oct. 26.—Judge James Breathitt, of Hopkinsville, candidate for attorney general on the Republican ticket, spoke to a good crowd at the court house here in the interest of his candidacy and the Republican state ticket. He delivered a telling speech, and was frequently compelled to stop until applause subsided.

"Col." Bryan's Pay Held Up.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 26.—Col. W. J. Bryan and Capt. (now governor) George L. Sheldon, of the Third Nebraska in the late war, must furnish further proof of the dates of their service before the war department will pay them. The order affects all officers of the regiment. Privates have been paid.

Is It Progress or Plunder?

Were you asked to mention the best governed municipalities in the country, where would you turn?

Would it be to New York? Would it be to Cincinnati? Would it be to Louisville? Would it be to Memphis? Scarcely.

You would first think of Cleveland, under Mayor Tom Johnson; Toledo, not yet from under the spell of "Golden Rule" Jones; Milwaukee, where Mayor Herman Becker presides.

Oddly, too, each of these cities is administered by a man of affairs; not a politician, in the sense that he makes his living by office holding. Tom Johnson is a multi-millionaire—made it in traction lines. "Golden Rule" Jones patented a sucker-rod for pumps, and got rich manufacturing them. Young Becker, inherited millions and found he had a mission to perform, not necessarily associated with the doing out of charity.

Why was it that three men of this kind proved successful as executives of cities, while politicians, without exception, have succeeded only in making municipal government in America a reproach, and a menace to the safety of the state and nation?

First let us look at the city and then the men.

A city government comes closer home to the people, than a state or national government. The chief function of a city government is the collection and expenditure of revenue in tangible improvements, and the protection of the lives and property of its citizens. People in cities are so crowded and hampered that they are interdependent for their comfort, convenience and very existence, and require an efficiency in their local government, not dreamed of in the loose character of the state organization. There is always before the executive of a city that same relation of income to expenditure, and revenue to improvement, that one finds in private affairs. The same exacting fidelity to detail, efficiency of organization, judgment and experience are demanded that are called out by big business enterprises.

Since the increase of population and traffic constantly demand extensions of permanent improvements, with each extension adding to the area to be repaired; and better police and fire protection, more salaries and heavier running expenses, and since the source and manner of revenue are limited, it requires with each succeeding year closer economy to make both ends meet in a municipality, and shrewd financing to maintain public credit. There is no margin to provide for mistakes and graft.

So, a professional politician is eliminated as a possible success by the very conditions surrounding the office, one that requires the most unlimited freedom of action within the law. The man, who seeks office, is under obligation to those who help him get it. This does not mean that the man, who is induced to accept a nomination, is under obligation to every one who votes for him. The voter is supposed to support the candidate, who best represents his interests as a citizen. But the man, who asks for a nomination for the gratification of his own desires, is bound by the ties of natural obligation to that faction, which takes him up. That obligation becomes a handicap to his efficient administration of office. In his every official act he must consider the welfare of his political friends, as much as the welfare of the public. The story of mismanagement, waste and plunder, that is part of the history of nearly every municipality, is but logical and inevitable.

Eliminating the professional place hunter, there are dozens of business and professional men and artisans, just as capable of administering the affairs of a city as Becker, Jones or Johnson.

But there are not dozens of capable men, who have the time. There's the rub.

A business man, professional man or artisan, who has by economy, perseverance and ability, laid the foundation of a business, practice or trade, cannot afford to abandon it for four years, while he devotes his labors to the city, and then at the end of his term of office return to the thankless task of starting his business all over again.

The same condition exists in Paducah. There are other men, besides James P. Smith, capable of administering city affairs; but few such are available. He is the head of an established business. He has developed it, and it is true, he makes a financial sacrifice by entering politics, but it was made apparent to him that the sacrifice in his case is less than in the case of men, who are building up a trade or business. The situation demands a business man. He declined once to consider the nomination, because of personal interests. When he finally acquiesced it was with the stipulation that he should be absolutely free in the management of city affairs, be unrestrained by considerations of party expediency, and under obligation to nobody for the office.

Shall Paducah be administered by a business man, liable like other taxpayers for the cost of the government, and interested with other property owners in the advancement of the city, like Toledo, Cleveland and Milwaukee, or shall the city hall be turned over to the party spoilsman, like Louisville and Memphis?

This Prisoner Had Set of Burglars Tools, a Revolver and Some Nitro—Was Arrested For Stealing Horse

Metropolis, Ill., Oct. 26.—(Special.)—Massac county officers believe they made a fine catch in I. J. Coyne, charged with stealing a horse in Johnson county. He was caught at Brookport and had in his possession a full set of burglar's tools, and two small boxes, labeled paint, and containing a peculiar looking substance, which the authorities think is nitroglycerine. When John Veatch, deputy sheriff of Johnson county, took charge of the prisoner he refused to divulge his name, but on a revolver, recovered from his person, was inscribed the name, I. J. Coyne. He said that was his name. If the prosecution fails in Johnson county, Coyne will be tried here for carrying concealed a deadly weapon. It is also believed he robbed a Metropolis woman at Hot Springs, as he seems to answer the description.

THE WEATHER.



CONTINUED RAIN.

Rain tonight and possibly Sunday. Highest temperature yesterday, 80; lowest today, 50.

BERNARD TERRELL

The funeral of Mr. Bernard Terrell, of Lincoln avenue, who died at the Illinois Central hospital of typhoid fever, took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The burial was at Dulany, Ky.

MUST PAY TAXES

Sheriff Ogilvie and his force of deputies are kept busy this week issuing tax receipts to taxpayers, who desire to pay their state and county taxes before the 6 per cent penalty goes on November 1. This is the month under the law passed at the last session of the legislature. The law also provides that after November 15 the tax books are to be turned over to the county clerk, who will issue tax warrants against all delinquents, entailing an additional cost of \$1 besides the penalty that goes on at that time.

CITY WINS POINT IN SUIT ON BOND OF MR J. L. JONES

Demurrer is Sustained to Petition Involving City in Damage Suit, Growing Out of Collapse of American Express Building

CASE GOES TO FEDERAL COURT

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 26. (Special.)—In the city of Paducah vs. J. L. Jones, the court of appeals in reversing and remanding the case, holds that it may be proven whether appellee was guilty of a violation of the Sunday closing laws other than the offense charged.

In this case an order of confession was entered on the police court docket, a fine was assessed and Mayor Yeiser revoked his license. Suit was brought on his bond against Jones and his bondsmen, Lee and Adolph Well. The facts showed that the liquor was sold by a clerk, and Judge Reed held the proprietor not responsible under the circumstances. Exceptions were also taken to rulings on evidence. The city was represented by City Solicitor James Campbell, Jr.

City Is Relieved.

Judge Reed in circuit court this morning sustained the demurrer filed to the petition of the Smith Sisters against Capt. J. M. White and the city of Paducah, in so far as the city of Paducah is concerned, while the motion of the attorneys for White to transfer the action against him to the United States court was sustained.

The suit is for \$4,000 damages growing out of the collapse of the building occupied by the Smith Sisters, caused by the walls of the White building falling on the building. Smith Sisters, whose stock was destroyed, sought to hold the city of Paducah liable, because the walls of the White building had been weakened by fires, but had been allowed to stand.

The decision of Judge Reed relieves the city of any liability for the damages, and the case against White will be tried in the federal courts.

BIG CROWDS GREET FAIRBANKS TRAIN. COUNCIL MUDDLE

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 26. (Special.)—There was a big crowd to hear Fairbanks at Lexington, Paris, Midway and this city this morning and Winchester last night.

Vice President Fairbanks made clear his position in reference to quotations from certain St. Louis and New York papers to the effect that he was not a candidate, actively or receptively, for the presidency. He said that while in St. Louis he refused positively to discuss politics, and that any statement alleged to have come from him in reference to national politics or the presidency was entirely unfounded.

Wets Enjoin Drays.

Bowling Green, Ky., Oct. 26. (Special.)—Democratic "wet" council nominees secured a temporary injunction to keep the fusion "dry" nominees off the ticket.

Foreman Wants Pay.

W. S. Smith today filed a lien in the county court against the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket company for \$342, due him for wages before the company went into the hands of a receiver April 15. The petition recites that Smith was to receive \$50 per week for his services as foreman of the plant.

Steve Adams Trial Called.

Rathdrum, Idaho, Oct. 26.—The case of Steve Adams, charged with the murder of Fred Tyler, was called today, but as another case was on trial the Adams case was adjourned until tomorrow. Clarence Darrow of Chicago, who is expected to take charge of the defense, has not arrived but is expected Friday or Saturday.

TAFT WAS IN A WRECK ON DAGUPAN RAILROAD.

Manila, Oct. 26.—Taft was caught in a railway wreck on the Dagupan line last night, but was uninjured. A flat car jumped the track and took with it the one on which the Taft party was riding. Cars were piled up but remained upright. The trip was completed in an automobile.

He Is Coming To Old Fort Massac



GOV. CHARLES S. DENEEN.

MANIAC POURED OIL ON HER DRESS AND SET IT AFIRE

Hopkinsville, Ky., Oct. 26. (Special.)—Mrs. C. E. Hutchinson, wife of the Rev. C. E. Hutchinson, Baptist minister at Howell, poured coal oil on her dress and set herself on fire and burned to death. She had been recently released from the asylum.

Gambling House Blown Up.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 26.—A. B. Jackson's saloon and gambling house and the Lehman clothing store, adjoining, were badly damaged by the explosion of a dynamite bomb which was placed under the saloon by unknown persons today. The shock shattered over a hundred windows. Whether the bomb was planted to blow up the gambling house or for the purpose of robbery is not known. Jackson is under indictment for running a gambling house.

CRASH IN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN LONDON.

London, Oct. 26.—Five persons were killed and 17 injured today by a crash in the underground railway, when one train ran into another. Fog prevented seeing the train ahead. Trains were filled with suburbanites.

NOT DISCOURAGED YET.

Metropolis, Ill., Oct. 26. (Special.)—James M. Crider, of Boaz, Ill., who is 74 years old, undertook his fourth matrimonial venture in Metropolis when he took to wife Mrs. Caroline D. Copeland, who is also 74 years old.

Eliza Dill and Katie Davis, of Graves county, Ky., were married here Thursday evening.

MONSTER POTATOES

Mr. A. S. Whitlock, who lives six miles from Paducah on the Mayfield road, brought to the city today a basket containing 11 Irish potatoes that grew in one hill. The combined weight of the potatoes was 19 pounds and several showed that they were dug before they were fully matured. The potatoes are of the King variety and were grown on Mr. Whitlock's farm by Mr. Hugh Bagby. They are the second crop grown on the same ground this year and were not planted until August 1.

MRS JULIET MCKENZIE

Mrs. W. C. Kidd, of 1500 Broadway, received word last night of the death of her mother, Mrs. Juliet McKenzie, at Oklahoma City, where she was living with her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Rowand. Mrs. McKenzie, who was 72 years old, had been in feeble health several years. Miss Maud McKenzie, formerly of Paducah, was with her mother. Another daughter, Mrs. Frank Peabody, is in Los Angeles, Cal., and a son, Mr. Clarence McKenzie, lives in Gatesville, Tenn. Mrs. Kidd will not be able to attend the funeral. Mrs. McKenzie was a most lovable woman and had many friends here, where she formerly lived. She was a member of the Broadway Methodist church, and a noble christian woman.

JOSEPH E. POTTER, PRESIDENT OF SCHOOL BOARD PLEADED WITH CONDITION OF SCHOOL

Will Retire by Grace of Democratic Faction After November Election

People Wonder What Was Cause of Insult to the Veteran.

Col. Joseph E. Potter, president of the school board, is pleased with the condition of the schools. This morning he said: "We visited all the schools this week, where 'Parents' Days' were observed, and they could not be in better condition. I am interested in the schools and the teachers and the scholars, and I was mightily pleased to see everything running so smoothly."

Col. Potter's term on the school board and as president will expire with the election November 5. He was elected by members of the school board, Democrats and Republicans, to fill the vacancy, caused by the resignation of Mr. Ashley Robertson, until the election. As soon as he took his seat he was elected by the same non-partisan vote president to succeed Dr. Anthony List. The resignation of Mr. Robertson left a vacancy on the ticket in President Potter's ward, which was filled by the Democratic campaign committee. Colonel Potter was not appointed.

"Would your interest in the school have led you to accept re-election to the board, if the Democratic committee had seen fit to endorse the action of the school board in electing you to a seat and the presidency?" he was asked.

"Yes," he replied. "It's a heap of trouble, but I have got interested in the schools, and I like the work."

"Were you ever asked by the committee to accept the nomination, or consulted in any way about the place?"

"No. None of them ever spoke to me. Some of my friends thought I was treated pretty badly. I understand some of the committee wanted me, and some others said they wouldn't stand for me at all. I never asked them for anything, and I never inquired what took place."

"What are your politics, Colonel Potter?"

"I am a Democrat," replied the Confederate veteran. "If you're going to put anything in the paper, just print the facts. Don't get me into any controversy."

Colonel Joseph E. Potter was the second highest candidate for mayor in the Democratic primary. He had no organization behind him, and his following was personal. His well known honesty and worth as a citizen and a man, gives him, perhaps, the strongest personal following of any man in Paducah.

Colonel Potter made his race on enforcement of the law and was beaten by the faction now in control of the party organization. Whether his insulting treatment by the campaign committee was the result of animosity engendered in the primary, or whether it was caused by Republicans uniting with Democrats in electing him president of the school board, is not known.

JEANNETTE M. GOLDBERG.

Field Secretary of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, Coming.

On Monday evening, October 28, at 8 p. m., Miss Jeannette M. Goldberg field secretary of the Jewish Chautauqua society, will speak at Temple Israel on "Jewish Education as Fostered by the Jewish Chautauqua." Miss Goldberg as field secretary has spoken throughout all parts of the country, and has succeeded in arousing an interest and desire for Jewish learning and education, where it has long been dormant, and in consequence, given impetus to the establishment of branch organizations of the Jewish Chautauqua. She is instructive and entertaining as a speaker and none should miss the opportunity of hearing her.

SOME LITTLE FLURRIES

New York, Oct. 26.—The Terminal bank of Brooklyn closed its doors today. It cleared for the Williamsburg Trust company. There was a small run on the Nassau Trust company.

Pittsburg, Oct. 26.—The Stock Exchange was closed again today.

A RARE COMPLIMENT

Dr. I. B. Hoyell has been invited by Dr. Nelson T. Shields, of New York, chairman of Clinics of the First District Dental Society of New York, to attend the thirty-ninth anniversary clinic on December 8 and 10. The meeting will be one of unusual prominence, and the latest methods employed by men of high standing in the profession will be demonstrated. Dr. Hoyell has been asked to give a clinic on any subject that in his opinion is of the greatest benefit to the profession at large. This is a high recognition to any dentist, and is greatly appreciated by Dr. Hoyell. He recently represented Kentucky at the National Dental Association at Norfolk, Va., and gave a clinic there.

WON DISTINCTION

Senator Norton B. Anderson, of Platte City, Mo., returned home this morning after a brief visit to his brother, Mr. William T. Anderson, of Arcadia, and other relatives here. Mr. Anderson is a native Paducahan, the eldest son of the late Edward Anderson, a prominent citizen, but has lived in Missouri 41 years. He has won success in his adopted home, where he is a leading lawyer, large land owner and president of the Exchange bank. He was a member of the Missouri senate for several terms. Mr. Anderson finds marked improvement in Paducah between his visits here. He is a nephew of the late William F. Norton, of Louisville, formerly a Paducah banker, and friends of Mr. Norton here noticed a striking resemblance.